

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend page 1, line 5 through line 10 as follows to add the updated priority information:

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY FROM A COPENDING PATENT APPLICATION**

Priority is herewith claimed from a copending U.S. Patent Application having U.S. application Ser. No. 10/073,761 entitled "Vessel Sealing System", by Robert Wham et al., which is now United States Patent No. 6,796,981, which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application having U.S. application Ser. No. 09/408,944 also entitled "Vessel Sealing System," by Robert Wham et al., which is now United States Patent No. 6,398,779, and which claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/105,417 filed on October 23, 1998. The disclosure of each Patent Application is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.